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In Re Application of: Hamid

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Title: Method and System for Providing Access to Secure Entity or Service by a Subset of N Persons of M Designated Persons

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on March 16, 2005. Would the Office kindly amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.

believed to be allowable and as such are also allowable.

Claim 18 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Matyas in view of references cited by Applicant as applied to claim 17 above, and further in view of Schneider et al. US Patent 5,456,256.

Applicant respectfully submits that claim 18 depends on a claim that is believed to be allowable and as such is also allowable.

The prior art provided but not relied upon by the examiner has been reviewed. However, it is apparent that the references: Scott et al. (US Patent 6,111,977) and Scheidt et al. (US Patent 6,542,608) do not show anything similar to Applicant's invention as defined in the claims above.

Please charge any additional fees required or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1142.

Applicant requests favourable reconsideration of the amended application.

Respectfully,



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